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Christmas in the Village December 7th and 8th

CANAL WINCHESTER – Canal Winchester's annual storybook Christmas celebration will be held in the city's historic downtown on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th. Activities will take place on the sidewalks and streets as well as inside several business establishments around the city's municipal office building at 36 S. High Street.

Returning this year will be the gingerbread house contest. There will be two age categories, a 12 year and under category and over 12 year category. Stop in and vote for your favorite. All gingerbread house contest entries will be on display at the Village Wine Shop at 10 S. High Street.

Activities this year will include horse drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa, children's games and crafts, ice sculptors, an electric train display, Christmas carolers, a business expo, and much more. All activities at the event are free and open to everyone. Santa will be coming to town at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Both nights he will be escorted by the Madison Township Fire Department. Activities will commence after Santa's arrival on each night. Donations to the food pantry are appreciated and can be dropped off at Huntington Bank during visits with Santa.

Activities:

- Santa's arrival and tree lighting each night
- Visit with Santa (inside Huntington Bank) - **No photographer ~ Please bring your own camera**
- Children's Games (inside Chase Bank)
- Business Expo (inside Community Center)
- Ice Sculptors (Stradley Place)
- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (in front of Huntington Bank)
- Hayrides (in front of municipal building)
- Electric Trains (inside Community Center)
- Carolers (roving)
- Gingerbread House Contest (The Village Wine Shop)
- Children's Crafts (inside Town Hall)
- Tree Lighting (grassy knoll behind Stradley Place)
- Popcorn Station (Stradley Place)

Anyone who would like more information about Christmas in the Village or details on how to enter the second annual gingerbread house contest should contact Diane Mays at 614-834-7501 or dmays@canalwinchesterohio.gov. If you would like more information about the Business Expo, please contact Destination: Canal Winchester info@destinationcw.org or (614) 270-5053.

Christmas in the Village is a partnership between the City of Canal Winchester and Destination: Canal Winchester. This free community event would not be possible without the support of many local businesses and volunteers.